

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM Workshop/ Closed Session    7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

September 5, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 5, 2017. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence. Mayor Daniels welcomed all guests.

### Roll Call:

Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present
Mayor Daniels	Present

Albert Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Administrator Maria Carrington and Municipal Clerk Marion Karp were present.

Approve 9/5/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Regular Meeting minutes of 8/7/17– motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa abstained. Closed Session Special Meeting minutes of 8/17/17 – motion to approve by Committeewoman Teleisa; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. Committeeman Lopez stated that some items were omitted from the minutes and he wanted to discuss them; Al Marmero advised that since it involved a personnel matter it should be discussed only during closed session. Ms. Teleisa, Mr. Wisniewski and Mayor Daniels voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. Workshop meeting minutes of 8/7/17 – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeeman Wisniewski. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa abstained.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

Mayor Daniels swore in 4 Police Chaplains; Maurice Randolph, Clarissa Randolph, Timothy Hutton and Erik Jarvis. Daryl Caulfield introduced them to the Committee and explained that the Police Department established this program in 1999. Letters were sent out to the local clergy initially at the inception of the program. There is a background investigation that is performed, the applicants present their credentials which are reviewed and then they receive training. The department is honored and privileged to have them. Last year was a tough year with the loss of two of the Police Department. They are volunteers; there is no cost to the Township. They have never been officially

sworn in before tonight; he thought it was a good idea to do so and to recognize them. They are great resources for the Police Department.

Police Chief Joe Otto presented the Chaplains with certificates of appreciation from the Police Department.

A 10 minute break was taken for refreshments. The meeting was called back to order at 7:27 PM.

Mr. Lopez spoke about the closed session meeting minutes regarding a contract; he is confused since he doesn't see anything in the minutes regarding the open session. Solicitor Marmero said the Committee agreed to the terms of the contract in closed session; the contract simply needs to be circulated amongst the Township Committee. Mr. Wisniewski said after the terms of the contract were finalized, a resolution would be done at the next meeting; Al Marmero agreed that this was the best way to handle it. Mr. Lopez stated that he asked for a public contract and a public vote; the final terms were to be drafted by Al Marmero and looked at by the labor attorney. Mr. Wisniewski said that the vote was taken in public session; Al Marmero had gotten off the phone before the action was taken. This is the same problem that the township had when hiring another director; it was done in closed session, according to Mr. Lopez and he didn't want a repeat of that. Mayor Daniels said we would discuss this further in executive session; Mr. Lopez said that action was taken in private. The vote was taken in public session. Mayor Daniels stated they would discuss this in executive session.

### **Public Comments on agenda items**

Louis Lopez – asked about the flood control ordinance on the agenda. He asked if the Township would be having a 9/11 ceremony. There would be a brief ceremony held at the firehouse.

Nancy Burkley – thinks that the Timbuctoo sign should have to go to the LDB for approval since Rancocas had to do the same. It should have to have the words Westampton Township added to it. She thinks Rancocas Village is very disrespected at times and is treated differently. She commented regarding the discussion of the personnel contract; she thinks you do not negotiate in public, you do it in private. It is not disclosed to the public until an agreement has been reached. Mr. Wisniewski stated this was exactly what had taken place; everything was done properly.

Janet Curran – asked for more of an explanation on Ordinance #12-2017. Mayor Daniels explained it to her. She asked if it had anything to do with the Sports Complex; it does include the Sports Complex. She wanted to know if the complex was bringing in any money; Mr. Wisniewski explained that the Recreation Department is self-sustaining. He explained that people outside of Westampton will have to apply for a permit and pay for it in order to use our fields.

## **New Business**

Police Report – no further comments were made

American Legion Annual Report – no further comments were made

August & September 2017 – Engineering & Inspection Status Reports – no further comments made.

Ms. Teleisa – asked if the name of Kingdom Church had changed. Mayor Daniels stated that it was now known as Change Church.

## **Resolutions**

110-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

111-17 Bond Release, Ikea Property, Inc., Block 203, Lot 6.01 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

112-17 Chapter 159, Click it or Ticket – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

113-17 Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2017 Statewide Crackdown – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

114-17 Person to Person Liquor License Transfer – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

115-17 Timbuctoo Sign – motion to approve by Mr. Wisniewski; second by Mr. Lopez. Mr. Lopez stated that Gene Blair, the Construction Official, recommends that the Committee make a request to include the words “Westampton Township” on the sign; he would like to see that added. Mr. Lopez made an amended motion to include the words “Westampton Township” on the sign; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. Mayor Daniels stated that the Timbuctoo Committee would like to have the sign installed in time for their annual Timbuctoo Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> if possible. Nancy Burkley stated that Rancocas Village added another piece of wood to the sign with the Westampton Township which could be added at a later time.

## **Ordinances**

11-2017 Reappropriation Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made. All present voted yes.

12-2017 Amend Chapter 172 of the Code of Westampton Township, Parks & Recreation (**second reading will be held on 9/18/17**).

13-2017 Ordinance to Repeal & Amend Chapter 131, Flood Damage Prevention, formerly entitled Floodplain Management (first reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Dates to Remember**

Sept. 9 – Andrew Einstein, Tri State Canine Response Team – Andrew Einstein is receiving an award and a \$1000 donation. There is a 5K run/walk at 9 AM; awards around 10:15 – 10:30 AM.

Sept. 11 – Firehouse, 9 AM, 9/11 ceremony

September 23 – WTES smoke detector testing in Tarnsfield in conjunction with the Red Cross.

September 23 – Annual Timbuctoo Day

October 12 – Groundbreaking ceremony for the Willows at Westampton, 11 AM

October 14 – Westampton PTO Fun Run, rain date 10/15/17

November 14-16 – NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City

## **Open to public Comment**

Louis Lopez – asked how he could get a copy of the meeting minutes; he should put in an OPRA request. He then asked if anything was being done through the Township to benefit the victims of the flooding in Houston. He wanted to know if he could get bill lists from when George Saponaro was the Solicitor; he would have to submit an OPRA request for these documents as well.

Janet Curran – the swearing in of the police chaplains tonight was awesome. The Police Department needs these people to talk to. She thanked them for all of their support. She spoke about the Wawa and that she had attended the County Planning Board meeting.

### **Comments from Department Heads**

FF/EMT Vince Knott – is happy to be home; was in training in Alabama.

Police Chief Joe Otto – congratulations on graduating from the training.

Daryl Caulfield – we are now in the midst of hurricane season. He encourages all to stay prepared. FEMA has insurance programs to mitigate floods; they also advise homeowners if they need flood insurance or not. Floodplains change over time; in order to stay current we need to update our ordinances.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Ms. Smith-Hartman – encourages people to sign up for Nixle.

Ms. Teleisa – summer has ended; she hopes everyone enjoyed it with their families. Kids go back to school this Thursday; she hopes they have a productive year.

Mr. Wisniewski – thanked residents for coming out.

Mr. Lopez – thanked the residents for coming out; he spoke about Braylon Daniels and his family; he thanked everyone who has come together to help his family out.

Mayor Daniels– thanked everyone for coming out to attend the meeting.

A motion was made to go into executive session at 8:30 PM by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk